AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bank note processing machine comprising:

sensors (5), a transport system (6), an input/output device (7), and

a control device (3) with an associated memory (4, 4a) which controls the elements of the bank note processing machine by means of software and/or data stored in the memory (4, 4a), and

an interface (1) which makes it possible to couple memory systems (2) of different kinds to the bank note processing machine in order to alter, supplement or replace the software and/or data stored in the memory; (4, 4a).

wherein the memory system has a drive and a storage medium which are suitable for optical and/or magnetic recording.

2. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according to claim 1, wherein that the interface (1) is a standardized interface, in particular according to PCMCIA.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according to claim 1, wherein the memory (4, 4a) has a nonvolatile area (4), and after coupling of the memory system (2) to the interface (1) the software and/or data stored in the memory system (2) are stored in the nonvolatile area (4).

5. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according claim 1, wherein that the memory (4, 4a) has a volatile area (4a), and after coupling of the memory system (2) to the interface (1) the software and/or data stored in the memory system (2) are stored in the volatile area (4a).

6. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according to claim 1, wherein data obtained in the bank note processing machine during operation are stored in the memory system (2).

7. (Currently Amended) The bank note processing machine according to claim 1, wherein the software and/or data stored in the memory system (2) are stored in encoded form, and the controller (3) is set up to decode the encoded software and/or data.

Claims 8 - 14 (Cancelled)